

date 23rd December, 1862." Adopted. The resolution was then ordered to be engrossed.

The report of the Committee on Agriculture adversely to a Bill to limit the planting and cultivation of cotton in this state for the year 1863 being in order, Mr. Harcourt moved its adoption. Mr. Lea moved to postpone consideration on the subject until Monday next at 11 o'clock A. M.

Mr. Dickson moved the indefinite postponement of the whole subject which under the rule is a preference motion.

Pending this question the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Friday, February 13, 1863
10 o'clock A. M.

Senate met, prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Harcourt asked leave of absence for Mr. Moore of Bastrop until Monday morning next which was granted.

The President announced that a communication had been received by him which he would lay before the Senate for their action whereupon Mr. Guinn moved its reference to a select committee without reading. Carried. Messrs. Guinn, Parsons, and Dickson were appointed said committee.

Mr. Harcourt, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, made the following report: "The Judiciary Committee have considered a Bill to prevent extortion and direct me to return the same to the Senate and recommend its reference to the Committee on State Affairs."

On behalf of said Committee Mr. Harcourt, Chairman, also reported a bill supplemental to the 9th section of an Act regulating estates of deceased persons approved March 20, 1848, with a recommendation that it do not pass. Also a Bill to amend Article 960 of the Code of Criminal Procedure and recommend its passage.

Mr. Hartley, Chairman of the Committee on State Affairs, reported on behalf of the Committee a bill to attach the County of Kendall to a Senatorial and Representative District and recommend its passage. Also the following report: "The Committee on State Affairs to whom was referred a Joint Resolution recommending to the Congress of the Confederate States the imposition of export duties on certain articles therein named have had the same under

consideration and instructed me to report the same back to the Senate and recommend its passage with the following amendments:

In first Resolution strike out "Thereby distributing the debt made by this unjust war upon all who consume our products."

In second Resolution strike out "the President of the Confederacy" and insert "our Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the Confederate States."

Amend caption by adding "recommending to the Congress of the Confederate States the imposition of export duties on certain articles therein named for certain purposes."

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The question pending at the adjournment on yesterday being in order, Mr. Hartley moved to suspend the rule so as to take up the resolution offered by him rescinding the resolution of the Senate relative to the consideration of private business. Lost.

Mr. Dickson then withdrew his motion made on yesterday to indefinitely postpone the whole subject then before the Senate. Whereupon the question recurring upon Mr. Lea's motion to postpone until Monday next at 11 o'clock A. M., it was put and carried.

The report of the Judiciary Committee on a Bill to publish a certain offense therein named recommending a substitute therefor was read. The substitute adopted. Mr. Lea moved to strike out the words "or from any other source" and the words "such as cotton or woolen goods." Adopted.

Mr. Hartley moved to strike out the words "prime necessity" and insert "any article manufactured therein." Adopted. Mr. Hartley also moved to strike from 3rd section the words "fees of." Lost. The Bill was then ordered to be engrossed.

Resolution rescinding the Resolution relative to private business being read and the question being put on its adoption was lost.

The Report of the Committee on the Penitentiary relative to the duties of the Joint Committee to examine into the affairs of that Institution was read. The question being on the adoption of the resolution proposed by that Committee as a substitute was put and carried.

Mr. Dickson moved to amend the resolution so as to allow the Committee *per diem* pay after the adjournment of the Legislature during their investigation at Huntsville. Adopted. Mr. Maxey moved to strike out the words "have leave" and insert the word "immediately." Adopted. The resolution was then adopted.

A Bill to require District Attorneys to report to the Comptroller's office in certain cases. Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. White by leave offered the following resolution: "**Resolved**, That the Resolution passed by the Senate that it will not entertain private bills shall not be construed to exclude legislation concerning localities where all the inhabitants are to be affected by the act." Lost.

Mr. Hartley moved to suspend the rule relative to the reception of private business that the Bill introduced by him to remit the taxes for the year 1862 upon property situated within the corporate limits of the towns of Sabine Pass, Galveston, La Vaca, Indianola, and Corpus Christi might be considered. Mr. Hartley by leave withdrew the motion whereupon the Senate entertained the bill and referred it to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate then adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Saturday, February 14, 1863
10 o'clock A. M.

Senate met, prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Guinn, chairman of the select committee to whom the communication announced by the President on yesterday was referred, reported that the committee had considered the same and were of the opinion that the Senate had no jurisdiction of the subject matter presented. The communication was returned to the President.

A message was received from the House informing the Senate of the appointment of a committee on their part to act in conjunction with a committee of the Senate to proceed forthwith to the cotton card manufactory of Messrs. Eubank in Williamson County and report as soon as practicable the operation and condition of the same.

Mr. Harcourt, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, on behalf of that Committee reported upon the suggestion and recommendation of the County Court of Washington